

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: CERTIFICATION PROCESS :
OF GAS SERVICE EMPLOYEES : DOCKET NO. 3438

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 39-1 and 42-35-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Legal Counsel to the Public Utilities Commission will conduct a Pre-hearing Scheduling Conference on **Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 10:00 AM** in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island for the purpose of addressing the Certification Process of Gas Service Employees that is required by R.I.G.L. § 39-2-23; P.L. 2002, ch. 18.

The purposes of the Conference are: (1) to enter the appearances of interested parties to the docket, either *pro se* or through legal counsel; (2) to present legal questions for briefing; (3) to establish the procedures for the docket; and (4) to set a preliminary schedule for the docket. There will be no evidentiary hearing or taking of public comment at this Conference. Interested individuals and entities will have an opportunity to present comments before the Commission at a later date. There are currently no proposed rules or procedures upon which to comment.

The deadline to intervene as a party to this docket shall be July 9, 2002. Interested parties, either acting *pro se* or through counsel shall either file a written motion to intervene with the Commission prior to July 9, 2002, or appear and make an oral motion on the record on July 9, 2002. A Motion to Intervene must refer to the appropriate subsection of Commission Rule of Practice 1.13(b) as support. An original and nine (9) copies of all written submissions must be filed with the Clerk. Non-parties will have an opportunity to present comments to the

Commission at a later date.

Reference is also made to Chapters 42-35 and 39-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Specifically Sections, 42-35-1, 42-35-2, 43-35-3, 42-35-4, 42-35-5, 39-1-1, 39-1-3, 39-1-11, 39-1-18 and 39-1-38.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSION CLERK'S OFFICE AT 941-4500, SEVENTY-TWO HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING DATE.

Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
June 20, 2002